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Taylor's Island School
Taylor's Island
1916-17
Private

Dating to 1916-17, the former Taylor's Island School is a distinctive two-story, three-bay hip roofed frame structure that survives with most of its interior and exterior finishes intact. Plain weatherboards cover the exterior, which is punctuated with paired six-over-six sash windows across its principal (northwest) elevation, and banks of five six-over-six sash windows mark the side elevations. The back of the school is defined by smaller six-pane windows located high on the wall surface to allow for interior blackboards.

This large, well-built, multi-roomed school is reflective of the improvements in educational facilities made for white children throughout Maryland during the early twentieth century. An abundant source of natural illumination was provided through the banks of windows that would emit constant light throughout the morning and afternoon, making it brighter and better lighted than the old one room schoolhouses. Prior to the construction of this large structure, the island population, white and black, was educated in a host of small, one-room plan buildings scattered across the island. Ownership of this piece of ground for the purposes of a school dates back to 1892 when the Board of School Commissioners acquired the lot from Allen T. Barnes for \$75. The Board of Education held title to the school and lot until 1974 when it was deemed surplus property with several other buildings in Dorchester County.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of

Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-210

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Taylor's Island School

other

2. Location

street and number 4212 Hooper's Neck Road not for publication

city, town Taylor's Island vicinity

county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owner)

name Commissioners of Dorchester County

street and number P. O. Box 26 telephone

city, town Cambridge state MD zip code 21613

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber 187 folio 188

city, town Cambridge tax map 59 tax parcel 51 tax ID number 059522

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other:

6. Classification

Category

☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Ownership

☒ public
☐ private
☐ both

Current Function

☐ agriculture
☐ commerce/trade
☐ defense
☐ domestic
☒ education
☐ funerary
☐ government
☐ health care
☐ industry
☐ landscape
☐ recreation/culture
☐ religion
☐ social
☐ transportation
☐ work in progress
☐ unknown
☐ vacant/not in use
☐ other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	buildings
	sites
	structures
	objects
1	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

Inventory No. D-210

Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The former Taylor's Island School, now housing an island heritage center, is located at 4212 Hooper's Neck Road near its intersection with Bay Shore Road on Taylor's Island, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame school, built in 1917, is supported by a parged concrete foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboard siding. The rectangular shaped school is covered by a broad hip roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The interior has remained essentially intact with early twentieth woodwork including a simple vertical board wainscoting and its original staircase. The building faces northwest with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The old Taylor's Island School, located at 4212 Hooper's Neck Road, is a two-story, three-bay, hip roofed frame structure that stands on the eastern side of the island near the intersection of Hooper's Neck and Bay Shore roads. Built in 1917, the rectangular frame structure is supported on a low parged concrete foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboards. The medium pitched hip roof, finished around its perimeter with a boxed cornice, is covered with asphalt shingles.

The northwest (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay façade with a center double door entrance fitted with five-panel doors, and the opening is sheltered by a hip roofed hood supported by plain brackets. The entrance is served by a handicapped access ramp made of salt-treated wood. To each side are paired six-over-six sash windows spanned by window lintels enriched with molded caps. The second story is marked by three evenly spaced sets of paired six-over-six sash windows. The base of the hip roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

The southwest side elevation is defined by banks of five six-over-six sash windows set in a continuous row with a continuous sill and cap molding across its lintel. There is a single six-over-six sash window piercing the southwest corner of each floor. The northeast side elevation is similarly detailed with banks six-over-six sash windows lighting the first and second floors.

The southeast (rear) façade is a plainer wall surface than the others with an asymmetrical fenestration of six-pane window units located high up on the wall surface to allow for interior blackboards. The squarish window openings are trimmed with a molded lintel cap. Piercing the upper floor on its southwest side is a rear, partially glazed exit door reached by a long set of steps built of salt-treated pine.

Inside, the school survives with vertical beaded board wainscoting that trims the perimeter of the rooms. The front double door entrance opens into a centrally positioned hall that contains the original staircase, which features square newel posts, rectangular balusters, and molded handrails. The building is currently used as an island museum.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates 1917

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

Dating to 1917, the former Taylor's Island School is a distinctive two-story, three-bay hip roofed frame structure that survives with most of its exterior and interior finishes intact. Plain weatherboards cover the exterior which is punctuated with paired six-over-six sash windows on its principal (northwest) elevation and banks of five six-over-six sash windows on the side elevations. This large, well-built, multi-roomed school is reflective of the improvements in educational facilities for white children throughout Dorchester County during the early twentieth century. Abundant sources of natural light was provided with windows that would benefit from the morning and afternoon sun. Prior to the construction of this building, the island was served by small one-room schools scattered across the island to serve the white and black population.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

A small parcel of land on the south side of Hoopers Neck Road was conveyed to the Board of County School Commissioners from Allen T. Barnes for \$75 in December 1892.¹ The Board of Education maintained ownership of the property until 1974 when it was deemed surplus property and transferred formally with other properties to the board of Dorchester County Commissioners.²

¹ Dorchester County Land Record, CL 17/71, 8 December 1892, Dorchester County Courthouse.

² Dorchester County Land Record, 187/188, 25 June 1974, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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Name Taylor's Island School
Continuation Sheet

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Taylor's Island School
4212 Hoopers Neck Road
Taylor's Island, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 59, Parcel 51

187/188 Board of Education of Dorchester County

to

6.25.1974 County Commissioners

Surplus Property, Parcel 4

CL 17/71 Allen T. Barnes

to

12.8.1892 Board of County School Commissioners

\$75.00 1/16 acre

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. D-210

Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 67,518 square feet
Acreage of historical setting 1/16 acre
Quadrangle name Taylor's Island, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	11/10/2010
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

TAYLORS ISLAND QUADRAN

MARYLAND

7.5 MINUTE SERIES ORTHOPHOTOMAP (T

1761 III SE
HUDSON)

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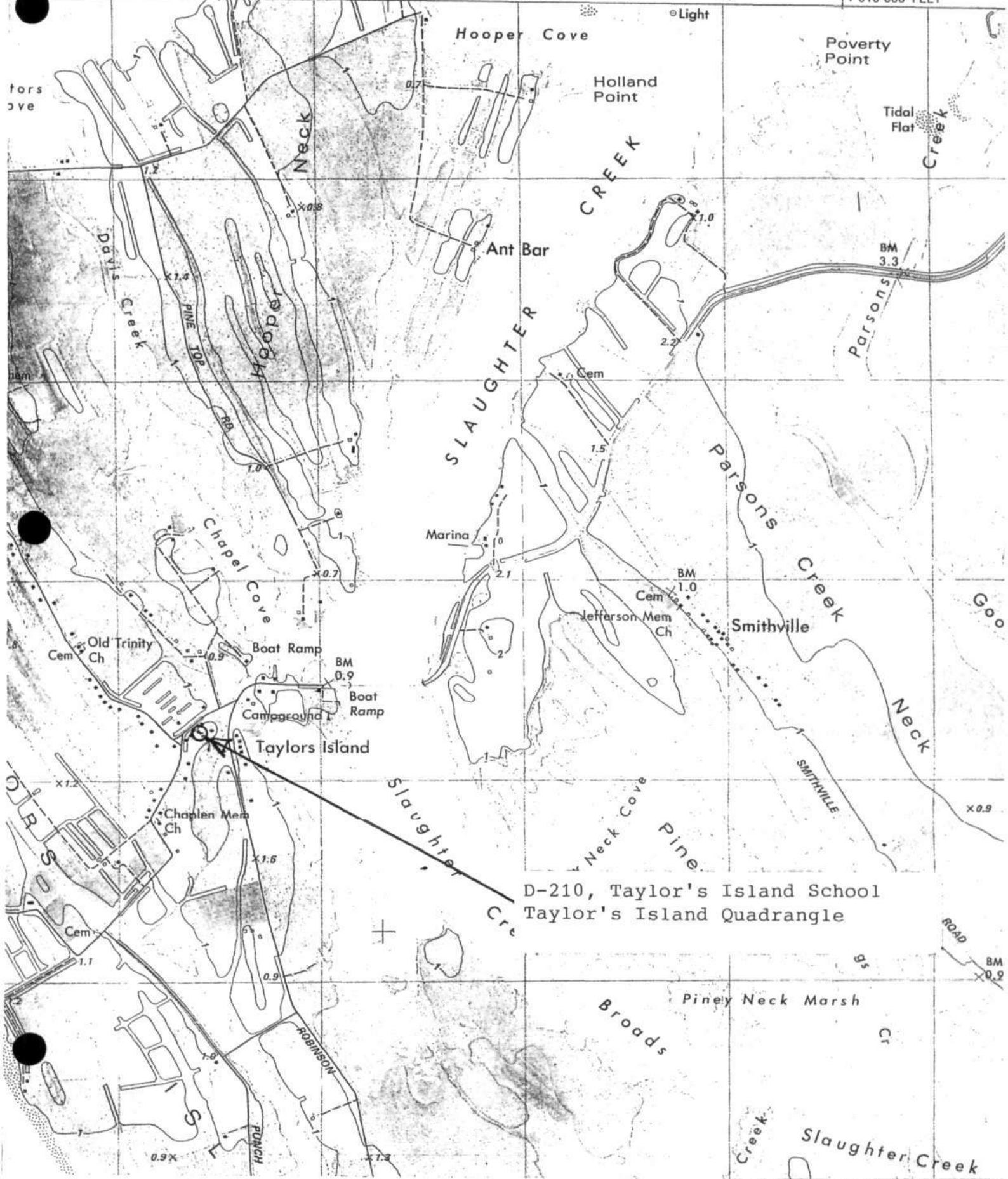
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17'30"

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Taylor's Island Quadrangle



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TAYLOR ISLAND SCHOOL

TAYLOR'S ISLAND, DORCHESTER C. MS.

WATER ELEVATION

11.2020, PAUL B. TOWNSEND, PHOTO.

WATER (MSD. HISTORICAL TOWER

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TAYLOR'S ISLAND SCHOOL
TAYLOR'S ISLAND, DORCHESTER C.,
MD.

SOIL ELEVATION

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Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

N. R. FIELD SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:

Taylor's Island School

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Rt. 16 on Hooper Neck Road

CITY OR TOWN:

Taylor's Island

STATE

Maryland

CODE

COUNTY:

Dorchester

CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
		Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

Commissioners of Dorchester County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Cambridge

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

21613

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Dorchester County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

High Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland

CODE

21613

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Deed Ref: 003/500, 187/188

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal ☐

State ☐

County ☐

Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

STATE:

COUNTY:

FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Taylor's Island School is an early 20th century frame structure built on a masonry foundation. It is three bays long and two bays deep and is covered by a hip roof. The exterior walls are covered with plain weather-board and the windows retain original trim and 6/6 sash. Flanking the central entrance, with its porch roof covering the double doors, are pairs of windows, as there are above. On other sides, there are ranges of the same six windows, the west side having a single window beside.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☒15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

Education ☒Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☒Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The Taylor's Island School has not been abandoned too long, however, this type of building will become as scarce as the 19th century one-room school has become and in its new or proposed alternative use, it may look quite different than it does at present. For this reason, it is worth recording as a vanishing landmark.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE: Acreage	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Justification:			
STATE: District 4, Map 59, p. 51	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		
Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant		
ORGANIZATION	DATE	
Maryland Historical Trust	Spring, 1975	
STREET AND NUMBER:		
Shaw House, 21 State Circle		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE
Annapolis	Maryland	21401

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

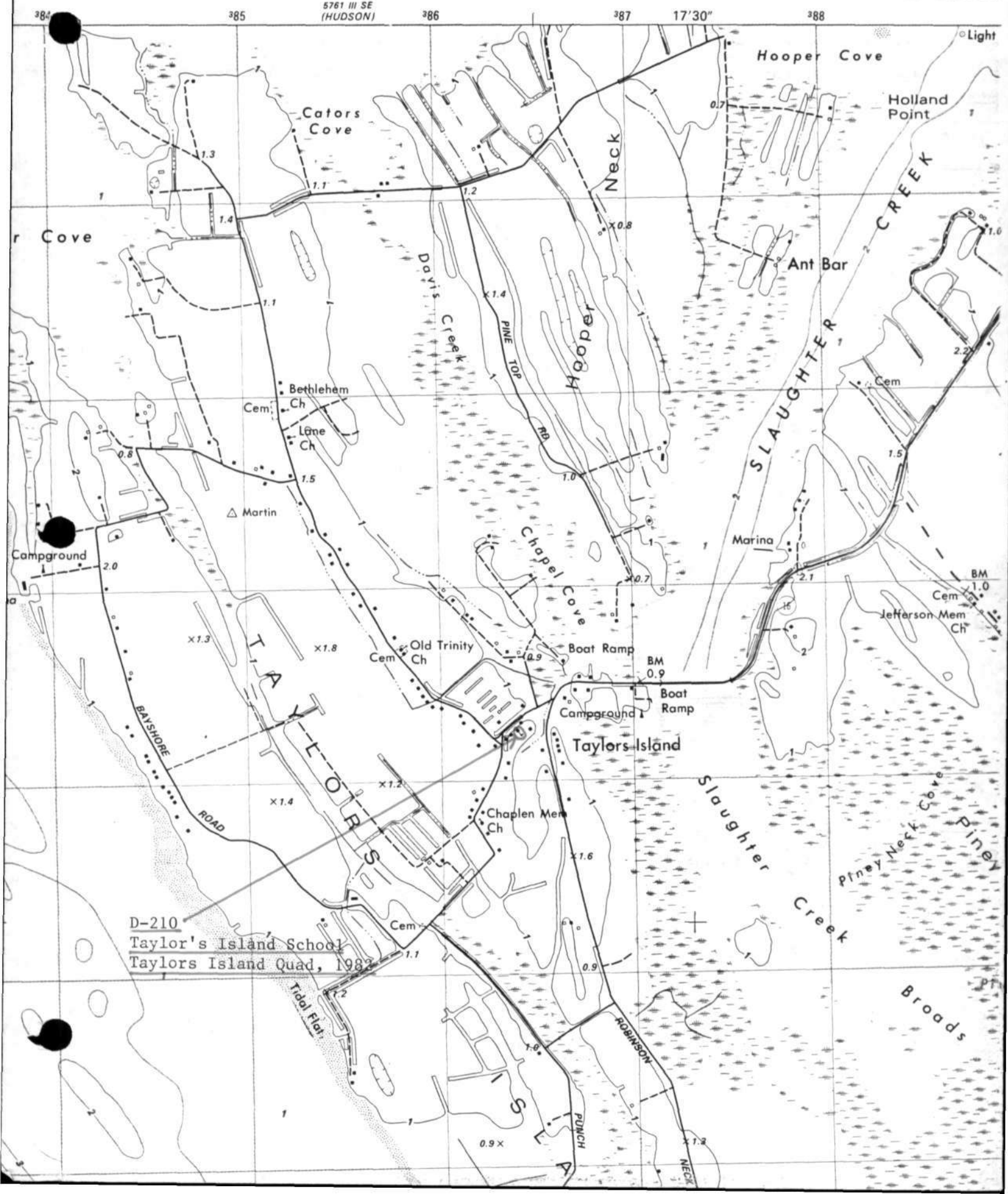
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

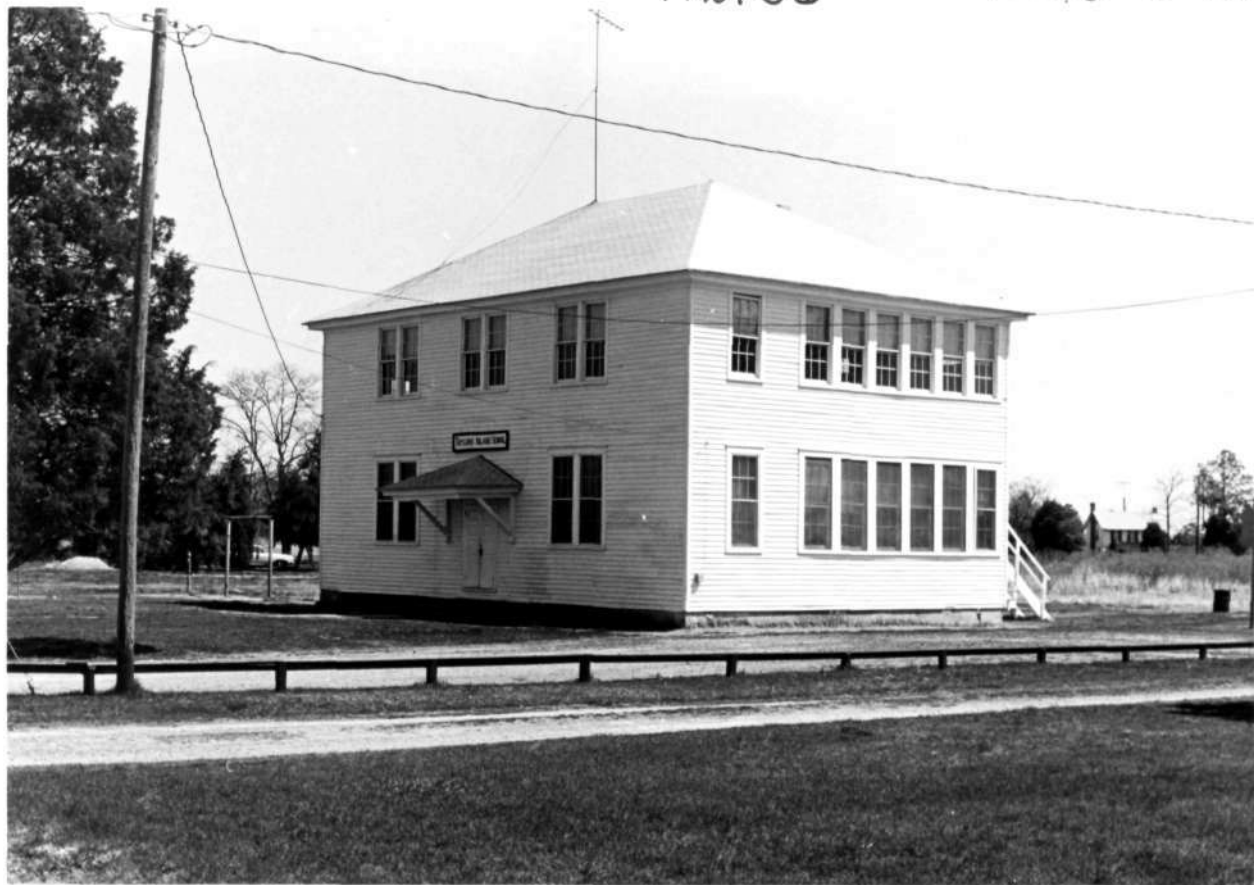
Date _____



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Taylors Island Quad, 1983

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